

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: John L. Cook, III et al. Confirmation No.: 4498  
Application No.: 10/796,949 Art Unit: 2136  
Filed: March 10, 2004 Examiner: Hoffman, Brandon S  
Title: METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING DIRECTED CIRCUITS BETWEEN PARTIES WITH LIMITED MUTUAL TRUST

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.47, OR, IN THE  
ALTERNATIVE, UNDER 37 CFR §1.183**

The present application was filed on March 10, 2004. The application was filed with a "Declaration for Patent Application" (enclosed herewith) and was signed by five inventors and dated by four of those inventors with a date of March 9, 2004. One inventor, Henry Steinberg, failed to date his declaration.

In an Official Action mailed September 13, 2007, the examiner objected to the oath as being defective because Mr. Steinberg did not date his signature.

The five named inventors assigned their rights to ComBrio, Inc. in an assignment that was recorded March 10, 2004. The assignment is at Reel/Frame 015079/0734. Mr. Steinberg is no longer employed by ComBrio, Inc.

Counsel for ComBrio sent Mr. Steinberg at his home address a declaration requesting that he date the declaration, and included a postage paid return envelope. Counsel followed up with Mr. Steinberg on multiple occasions by telephone. Mr. Steinberg confirmed that he received the document but refused to date and return the document.

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Mr. Steinberg's current address is believed to be: 13 Hunts Point Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107.

This petition requests that the Patent Office accept the declaration, notwithstanding the omitted date by Mr. Steinberg.

In the event that this petition under 37 CFR §1.47 is deemed in any way to be insufficient, it is requested that this petition be considered under 37 CFR § 1.183 to suspend the rules on the basis that the facts above indicate an unusual circumstance such that the provisions of the rule should be suspended to allow for the declaration to be submitted and accepted.

Please charge any fee that may be due in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 08-0219. It is requested that this be considered first a petition under 37 CFR § 1.47 and that the fee of 37 CFR § 1.17(g) be applied and that the fee under § 1.17(f) be applied only in case it is necessary to consider this matter under § 1.183.

Respectfully submitted,

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